

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 969

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By Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen, petition of Arthur J. Broadhurst  
relative to civil actions involving real estate permits. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPEDITING LITIGATION INVOLVING REAL ESTATE  
PERMITS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 183 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section:—  
3 Section 69. Any civil action or proceeding relating to a permit  
4 shall have precedence over all other civil actions and proceedings.  
5 For purposes of this section, the term “permit” shall mean any  
6 authorization, certificate, building permit, license, variance or  
7 other approval issued by an agency, department, board, commis-  
8 sion, authority or other governmental body or official of the com-  
9 monwealth or any city, town or other political subdivision thereof  
10 to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity for the erection,  
11 alteration, repair or removal of a building or structure upon land.